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KUX FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SCUL, IN, US

SUBJECT: NATARAJ -- OUR TURN

1. NO, THE GAME IS NOT OVER. IT IS MERELY OUR TURN--AND DUTY--  
TO MAKE MR. SIMON UNDERSTAND THAT VERY POSSIBLY A CRIME HAS  
BEEN COMMITTED IN THE THE MOVEMENT OF THE MATARAJ STATUE FROM  
INDIA TO THE UNITED STATES, AND THAT IN AS MUCH AS THAT STATUE  
IS NOW IN HIS HANDS HE CANNOT SAFELY OR COMFORTABLY IGNORE THIS  
POSSIBILITY.

2. I AGREE WITH YOUR SUGGESTION THAT ON JUNE FIFTEEN YOU FORWARD  
THE MATERIAL SUPPLIED US BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TO US CUSTOMS  
FOR INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS. BY ALL MEANS INFORM  
MCFARLANE AND BUCHANAN.

3. ON PRESS COVERAGE, PLEASE MAKE CLEAR THAT WHILE YOU AND I HAVE  
BEEN INVOLVED, SEEING SIMON, DILLON, ET AL., WE HAVE DONE SO  
ONLY AS FRIENDLY INTERMEDIARIES BETWEEN THE GOI AND THE SIMON  
EMPIRE. MOYNIHAN

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